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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT: KOSYGIN VISIT

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: YUGOSLAV MEDIA SEPTEMBER 23-24 GIVE PROMINENT ATTENTION TO UPCOMING VISIT SOVIET PREMIER KOSYGIN, BUT COVERAGE CONSIDERED LESS THAN FOR EARLIER BRANDT, GANDHI STATE VISITS. COMMENTARIES FAIRLY OBJECTIVE, EMPHASIZING ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENTS OTHER AREAS. END SUMMARY.

2. BELGRADE LEADING DAILY POLITIKA FRONT PAGE, SEPTEMBER 24, CARRIES REPORT OF MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT RISTO BAJALSKI, WHICH NOTES THAT KOSYGIN VISIT OCCURS AT TIME WHEN SOVIET-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS "ARE CHARACTERIZED BY STABLE TIES IN ALL SPHERES OF FRIENDLY COOPERATION." BELGRADE'S BORBA, SEPTEMBER 24, INCLUDES BOGDAN DECERMIC EDIT, COMMENTING THAT RESULTS OF TALKS WILL BRING "NEW, CONCRETE CONTRIBUTION TO SUCCESSFUL ALL-EMBRACING COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN YUGOSLAVIA AND SOVIET UNION." BELGRADE PRESS SEPTEMBER 23 CARRIES BACKGROUND ITEMS ON SOVIET PREMIER.

3. TANJUG BULLETIN SEPTEMBER 24 CARRIES OBJECTIVE COMMENTARY BY DIPLOMATIC EDITOR VELIMIR BUDIMIR, NOTING THAT AIM OF TALKS WILL NOT BE ONLY TO CONCLUDE MUTUAL SATISFACTION OVER PAST DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS, "BUT TO ELIMINATE BARRIERS AND DIFFICULTIES WHERE THEY EXIST, TO POINT OUT

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AND STIMULATE POSSIBILITIES AND PROSPECTS FOR MORE UNIVERSAL

COOPERATION, WHICH IS IN INTEREST OF BOTH COUNTRIES."
COMMENTARY CONCLUDES THAT SINCE JOINT BELGRADE DECLARATION OF 1955
"THER HAS BEEN CREATED ENTIRELY NEW AND CONSTRUCTIVE ATMO-
SPHERE OF COOPERATION, WHICH ALLOWS HIGHER DEGREE OF UNDER-
STANDING AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DIFFERENCES THAN EVER BEFORE."

4. ZAGREB DAILY VJESNIK, SEPTEMBER 23, OFFERS COMMENTARY
ON VISIT, NOTING THAT SINCE 1971 YUGOSLAV-SOVIET RELATIONS IN
SOME AREAS, E.G. ECONOMIC, HAVE DEVELOPED BETTER THAN IN OTHERS,
SUCH AS FIELD OF "INFORMATION COOPERATION, IN WHICH RELATIONS
HAVE NOT YET BEEN FULLY REGULATED." ZAGREB DAILY ADDS THAT DUE
"STAUNCH OBSERVANCE" OF BELGRADE DECLARATION, RESTATED BY
TITO AND BREZHNEV, "SOME DRAWBACKS OF PAST -- THEY MAY NOT
YET HAVE DISAPPEARED -- NO LONGER STAND IN WAY OF NORMAL
GROWTH OF MUTUAL TIES."

5. YUGOSLAV PRESS ALSO ATTACHES SIGNIFICANCE TO KOSYGIN
VISIT OCCURRING JUST AFTER ALGIER CONFERENCE.
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